Exclusive News

# COLDEST IOWA DAY IN 50 YEARS

# **'CONFLICT OF** INTEREST' AN OLD PROBLEM

#### Potter Case One of Many in Iowa

By George Mills.

Problems of "conflicts of interest" have plagued state government officials in Iowa for more than a century.

The latest issue comes to a head this week when State Tax Commission Chairman Lynn Potter decides whether to separate himself from outside tax work or quit his \$13,000-a-year state job.

Gov. Harold Hughes said the tax chairman must resolve the

Potter, a Democrat, operated a tax service at Cresco at the time he accepted appointment to the Tax Commission in 1963. He said he turned the business over to his wife when he became a state official.

#### Prepares Tax Returns

Last week, he confirmed reports that he has continued to prepare returns for taxpayers although he said Mrs. Potter is the "final author" of the re-

Nevertheless, his work enables the tax service to handle a greater number of returns than if he retired completely from the business. Thus, the Potter family income has been greater as a result of his outside tax work.

#### 2 Questions Raised The situation has given rise

to two questions: • Can an official always represent both the public interest and the private interests of some individual taxpayers at the same time?

• Would an auditor working for the Tax Commission question tax returns by the Potter

Accounting Service? Nobody has accused Potter of dishonesty. In fact, Hughes has praised Potter as an "honest and conscientious official" who has devoted many extra hours

to commission duties. Some past state officials have not rated such praise. Iowa history is full of examples where the integrity of officials was open to question.

The location of the Statehouse itself in East Des Moines in the 1850s constituted a "conflict of interest" situation. Commissioners who selected the site were accused of secretly receiving parcels of real estate in the neighborhood. (These accusations were correct, to some degree at least.)

In the early years of this century, and before, railroads kept a firm hand on government and politics in this state by issuing passes to officials, legislators and other influential persons. Such passes were outlawed in the early 1900s.

All through the state's history whispers have been heard of

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# HEMPELMAN DEAD AT 68

Bernard L. (Barney) Hempelman, 68, former president of the Utica Clothing Co., died Saturday in Springfield, Mo. He had lived at Strafford, Mo., since his retirement.

Mr. Hempelman was with the Utica firm 27 years and was president from July, 1959, until he retired in August,

Born in New Haven, Mo., he was a Des Moines resident about 30 years.

Funeral Home in Springfield. eter and said, "This is nothing Services and burial will be like the winters we used to Monday in New Haven.

have. It's a lot colder.' The family suggests any memorials be in the form of contributions to the American

Cancer Society. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. David Frye of Hickory, N. C.; a son, Bernard G. Hempelgrandchildren.



State Senator Joe Flatt (Rep.,

Mills (Rep.,

candidacy a

# Mayor 25 Years ... There's a Reason

growing beards for Sioux Center's seventy-fifth anniversary cele- reading the minutes of the last meeting.

Maurice A. TePaske, left, mayor of Sioux Center for more bration July 6-7, are, from left: William L. Mouw, 39; E. John Kosthan 25 years, starts his weekly council meetings by serving pan-ters, 56; R. W. Rozebom, 69; Ross K. Vernon, 54; Gerrit Van cakes and sausages to councilmen at 6 a. m. The councilmen, all Putten, 61, and City Clerk-Manager Aric M. Verrips, 41, who is

#### Cold Enough For You?

TT WAS COLD enough for L Iowans this weekend, the Incredible Poll revealed Sat-

Asked "Is it cold enough for you?" 92 per cent of those interviewed indicated that it was, the absolutely unreliable polling agency said.

The others, 8 per cent in all, punched the interviewer in the mouth and were listed as "undecided."

"I'll tell you, this is enough to make an eskimo homesick," said one man as the starter on his car uttered a soft moan. "When it came time to put the cat out last night she just rolled over and played dead."

"If we could have had our choice of the 90-inch snowfall or this, I think I'd have taken the snow," said a fashion designer from Hard Scratch. "Who ever heard of an overnight low at 8 o'clock in the

Still, there were those who had a good word for the frigid weather.

"Say what you want to about this cold, it's invigorating," said an Oasis industrialist, when reached by telephone. 'We lowans tend to be more creative, work harder and get more done than people who live in the sunny climes of the South

because I come down South anyone work down here. They to himself. just loll around in the sun, having fun."

ONE OLD-TIMER glanced at the mercury huddled The body is at the Lohmeyer in the bottom of the thermom-

> One man, interviewed while coming out of a bar, was outraged. "I know I ordered scotch over ice," he said, "but this is ridiculous."

And there were those who "Sure, 25 below sounds cold,

but you have to remember that it's a dry cold," said one man. "It doesn't go through you. I mean, 25 below here doesn't feel any colder than 15 below would in Miami, Florida."

"Weather like this is a boost to the economy," said a dog sled manufacturer from Volga City.

Tales of heroism were common among interviewees.

ONE MAN LOST control of his car on a county road near Zooks Spur. He crashed and was thrown from his car. He lay there beside his auto helpless while motorist after motorist ignored his cries for

aid. Finally, a group of motortheir helmets spotted him and same time."

stopped. "I owe my life to those boys," the man said. "If they hadn't set fire to my car I don't think I could have lasted the night."

Another man walked seven blocks to a supermarket when it was 20 below to buy his wife a package of cigarettes, but he shrugged off his feat.

"A really brave man would have stayed home," he said. "You've never seen my wife when she's been without a cigarette for three hours."

DERHAPS THE strangest "I know that for a fact Moines. An interviewer ob- with it. served him Saturday walking every winter and I never see along in the bitter cold, giggling ter can be delayed for months taurant for a pizza.

> Fearing that the man had cautiously and said: "Excuse me, sir, but I

couldn't help noticing how cheerful you seem to be despite the weather. What makes you so happy?"

the mailman answered, "Cause 2,275 inhabitants . . most of I've found a way to beat the weather, sonny." "How?"

"Last week I bought stock in man of Des Moines and seven searched for the silver lining. Iowa Power and Light."
grandchildren. "Sure, 25 below sounds cold, —Dokald Kaul

# Over the Coffee. MAYOR RULES Nervig Was Murdered; Low temperature records for land values and in existing real estate. WITH SPATULA Officials Mum on Facts

By Nick Lamberto (Register Staff Writer)

spatula instead of a gavel to murdered, authorities said Saturday.



unlikely hour of 6 a.m. each Tuesday. TePaske serves his five councilmen pancakes and sausages

for breakfast to start the meetcity business until about 8 a. m. TePaske said, "are the best decided which tests.

"It's very efficient," TePaske

#### Softens Issues

The full-stomach psychology Luka's findings. doesn't mention that.

No one can deny the effec-

tiveness of the breakfast council meetings: In 25 years and 9 months as mayor, TcPaske, 50, has never had a split vote from his council. "We believe that we will

serve the community better by starting in harmony," TePaske said. "On any particular issue, reaction to the cold was until we reach an area of una-downtown Des Moines.

while we argue about it.

"We're small enough to keep. After they left the restaurant, He is board chairman of the gone mad with the cold the faith with our public support. If Kyger told authorities, there Regular Baptist Church, board vide the people."

#### Co-Operative Spirit

The spirit of co-operation per-Chipping away a tear of joy, meates this whole community of five miles away. whom are of Dutch descent.

"This is the workingest, most MAYOR-

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By Jack Gillard SIOUX CENTER, IA.—Mayor Donald Amos Nervig, 52, of 1331 Mattern ave., whose body Saturday: Maurice A. TePaske uses a was found in a gully north of Des Moines Wednesday, was

> call city council Dr. Leo Luka, county medical meetings to or-lexaminer, said "foul play is the der here at the cause of death."

> > Dr. Luka, who performed an autopsy on Nervig's body Friday night, refused to reveal what evidence of foul play he had discovered.

Winterset) Saturday announced ings. During breakfast they dis- He said additional laboratory his candidacy for the Repubcuss city matters, then clear tests on tissue taken from lic an nominathe table and get on with other Nervig's body will be per- tion for lieuten-The early breakfast meetings, formed, but he has not yet lowa.

time to get together away from Omar Beardsley, chief of the the second G. their businesses and without Polk County sheriff office's inother things being scheduled vestigations division, said an O. P. state senatory. cyclists wearing swastikas on and we can eat and work at the analysis has been made of the tor to seek that in o mination. contents of Nervig's stomach. Senator Max

#### Not Informed

Beardsley said he has not M a rshalltown) been informed of any of Dr. announced his

The investigation of Nervig's week ago. Presissues some, but TePaske death is being led by Beardsley ent lieutenant governor is Rob-'Democrat.

> found frozen in ice in a gully Moines and Ankeny. He served parents in the neighborhood. "The city has generally given five miles north of Des Moines by two youngsters who were

Kyger, 26, of 2930 Tiffin ave the Senate in the 1964 Demo-during the summer of 1964. Six Because owners often don't we work on it and argue it out who met Nervig in a bar in cratic landslide year. that of a mailman in Des nimity and then go on the street Kyger told police he had sev-

"Sometimes action on a mat-then went with him to a res- North Africa in World War II. field. holds the rank of colonel.

#### Tells of Argument

interviewer approached him we had split votes, we would was an argument about Kyger's member of Omaha Baptist Colhave disagreements and it driving and Nervig was let out lege chairman of the Iowa Civil would divide the people. I don't of the car on Second avenue be- War Centennial Commission and think we have any right to di- tween Hoffman road and Broad- on the board of the lowa Retail repaired or removed is that the months pass before the City way just north of the Dest Clothiers Association. Moines city limits.

Nervig's body was found about Des Moines police adminis-

tered a lie detector test to Kyger, who volunteered for co-operative community any the test, and it indicated there

Continued on Page Two two sons and two daughters.

economic and educational needs of the state." Sengtor and Mrs. Flatt have wants to promise to fix up a HOUSES-

## 'High' of -6 Here After Low of -23

Severe snowstorm hits Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and the Carolinas as much of the rest of the nation is numbed by sub-zero cold: PAGE 1G.

Hourly temperatures Satur-

# 10 a. m. ....20 10 p. m. ....11 made that the city and its sub- 11 a. m. ....15 11 p. m. ....10 urbs probably will double that Highest: —6 at 5 p. m. Lowest: —23 at 7 a. m.

Bitter, record cold weather gripped Iowa Saturday as temperatures never got above zero all day and many places had their coldest Jan. 29 in 50 years or more. In some places it also was the

coldest of any day in decades. To make matters worse, strong northwest winds put an extra bite into the cold and in some places drifted billowing clouds of snow to make it seem even colder.

Saturday morning, temperatures dropped to an unofficial 32 below at McGregor and an official 30 below at Tripoli, in the northeast.

Lowest Since '12

Des Moines had a low of 23 below, giving the city its lowest temperature since Jan. 12, 1912, when it was 29 below. The high was 6 below.

The 29-below mark is the lowest ever recorded here.

Davenport, with a high of 12 below, and Burlington, with a high of 10 below, had their coldest daytime temperatures on record.

major weather reporting station

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Low temperatures reported university jobs. McGregor ..--32 | Estherville .--25 Sac City ...--25 Cresco .... 29 | Cedar Rapids ..-24 Tama ....—28 | Spencer ...-24 Waukon ...-28 Forest City .-- 28 Mapleton ..-24 Sibley ....-28 Denison ...—24

Winterset ..-24 Mason City .--28 Dubuque ...—24 Fort Dodge --- 24 Garner ....—28 New Albin .--27 Rock Vailey —27 Waterloo ..-26 Cherokee ..-26 Elkader ...—26 Decorah

Des Moines -23 Marshallt'n -23 Knoxville ..-23 Sioux City .--22 Ottumwa ..--20 Burlington .-19 Audubon ..—25 Waverly ...-25 Council

# **SPECTACULAR EXPANSION** IN IOWA CITY

University, Town Grow Together

By Gene Raffensperger

(Register Statt Writer) IOWA CITY, IA. - Iowa's 4 a. m. ... -20 4 p. m. ... 7 onetime "little college town" is

Iowa City today has pushed 8 a. m. ... 23 8 p. m. ... 8 past the 41,000 mark in popula-9 a. m. ... -22 9 p. m. ... -10 tion and predictions are being  $_{\circ}$ population figure in the next 10

> The sights and sounds of construction are everywhere as both the city and its main "industry," the University of Iowa, grow at unprecedented

Here are some check points on Iowa City's rapid growth:

University student body now at 16,355 (Dr. Howard Bowen, university president, foresees a student body of 25,000 in the next decade).

City population at 41,602, an increase of 8,000 in five years (the university student body is counted in the city's population figure).

Construction of classroom and dormitory buildings by the university is at an alltime peak (\$60 million worth either completed in the last three years or planned for the

next three years). A record 302 housing permits were issued by the city in 1965, including 46 apartment developments valued at more than \$8 million.

As town and university call for more building space, Iowa City sees a rising market in

#### 4 New Industries

Four new industries have come to the area in the last 10 years, adding hundreds of non-

There is confident talk that one day Iowa City's expansion north will be met by Cedar Ranids' expansion south, the result being a huge eastern Iowa industrial, cultural and educational complex with the Coralville Reservoir area in the middle adding a prime recreation area.

The amazing growth of the university student body has caused a spurt in building class-Davenport .- 19 room and dormitory facilities. Jefferson ..-25 | Lamoni ....-18 | More than \$12 million has been

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## Problem of Vacant Houses In Desperate Repair Need

By Jerry Szumski A vacant house at 1252 Sampson st. has fallen off temporary wooden supports, tearing it apart-it was moved onto the lot

A city building permit for a called "administrative delays." and Polk County Sheriff Wilbur ert Fulton of Waterloo, a foundation was issued June 3, Such delays can last a year or 1964. It expired 60 days later two.

Nervig had been missing. Senator Flatt operates cloth- No work had been done. since Dec. 14. His body was ing stores in Winterset, Des. When the weather is good,

Nervig alive was Ronald Leroy three Republicans re-elected to moved into the neighborhood Riley. remain in two clusters a block carry out the repairs they promapart-on Sampson street south ise, permitting a growing back-

> He currently is chief of staff of The city doesn't tear down up repair or removal. the Iowa National Guard, and such buildings without fair warning and a court order.

> > Many other buildings-probably well over 100-are in similar shape today.

city's health, housing and legal Council, sitting as the Board of staffs easily can lose track as Health, gets a nuisance case. Flatt said that, if nomithe properties bounce from one. The council can issue another nated, he will conduct "a vigdepartment to the next in ac-inotice or authorize court action.

orous compaign calling for cord with existing procedures. Riley recommends court action fiscal responsibility and a leg-Staff changes have interfered at this stage. islative program to meet the with enforcement. Another reason is that the city things can drag out "if a is willing to listen if an owner

iplace. The result is something,

"Good-Faith Hope"

administrative delays when an one term in the Iowa House and Worry. The windows are smashed, owner has asked for them, beis in his second term in the and children could get inside: cause of a good-faith hope," The last known person to see lowa Senate. He was one of This house is one of seven Said City Attorney Philip T.

Senator Flatt received an in- of Garfield street and on Mc- log of nuisances to stand, Riley ryger told police ne had sevifantry battlefield commission in Cormick street north of Garinas recommended that the City Council consider steps to speed

> One step would be to take owners who fail to comply with notices into court quicker than is done now.

Two "administrative notices" One reason they haven't been are served, and two or more

For one thing, he said,

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